



Anderson County Development Agency

Zoom

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

- I. Call to Order. Eric called meeting to order at 5:03pm. In attendance: Cody Gettler, City Commissioner, Doug Rockers, Eric Glaze, Eileen Burns, Nick Durand and Reuben Feuerborn (both joined later), Les McGhee, County Commissioner, and Julie Turnipseed, Executive Director. Guest: Chris Weiner, City Manager.
- II. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2020, Les made a motion to approve as presented, Les second. Motion passed.
- III. Review of December 2020 Financial Statements, (Julie said these are not the year end financials- won't be official until audit this summer) Les asked if all budget is not used will it roll over? Chris said budget will be increased because you had roll over. The amount in cash does roll over in cash funds reserve. But it does not mean we can spend it. Eric assured that we do have access to those funds however and Chris confirmed that we can tap into our cash reserve if we go over budget in 2021 by doing a budget amendment. Doug made a motion to accept the, Les seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Business Recruitment and Retention Activity: one new business that has purchased property but has not made an announcement yet and another promising potential. Both were organic. One local and one is a national company. We were not qualified for anything from Dept. Commerce.
 - b. COVID-19 – update
 - i. CDBG-CV Funding Update: Submitted one last week and got request for payment. County has \$48,960 left. City has \$34,000 left and has one candidate that hopes to qualify. PPP round 2 is out and about ½ applicants that had last March. May be because they must show a 25% loss.
 - ii. Beat the Virus Task Force
 1. \$2,500 grant & \$500 Honorarium: \$500 of the \$2500 was spent on Anderson County masks. Will also launch a selfie contest with mask for \$10. \$2000 worth of money orders was purchased for this. Hoping to promote safety through the state.
 - c. Community Give Back Program: Kris Hix said Chamber has talked about continuing this as a COC program. Not sure if they will ask for us to contribute again. Our initial \$2000 contribution has been used up.
 - d. Land Bank – Next step: Cody reported that he will bring this back up next Tuesday to be put back on the agenda for a vote. He, Julie, and Chris discussed who the BOD might be, etc. to present at the time. Cody encouraged our Board members to attend on the 26th to show

support because it requires passing an ordinance. Les asked that if passed, what are next steps and how it will be funded. Chris said it will not be. Taxes will be waived unless the Land Bank itself wanted to acquire properties that will not be given, such as on an auctioned property. Next steps would be that BOD would begin meeting and discuss what direction they want to pursue.

- e. December 2020 Director's Report – reviewed by the Board: In addition, Chocolate Tour, March 6th with 13 participating businesses.

V. 2021 Strategic Plan

- a. Land Use Map discussion – Garrett Gross, City of Garnett Zoning Administrator and Building Official will attend February's meeting. Eric asked the Board to look at this for our February meeting.

VI. Other Business

- a. Executive Director's Compensation – Cody made a motion to move into Executive session, Nick seconded at 5:42pm. Nick made a motion to amend the previous motion that Chris and Julie join the session for a portion of the meeting. Les seconded the motion. Motion passed at 5:42pm (Reuben joined the meeting 5:37pm.)
Adjourned from Executive session at 6:24pm.
Reuben made the motion to encourage the city and county to meet the ask of Julie Turnipseed, Director increase in salary. Cody seconded. Motion passed. Eric will write the letter of endorsement and send to Julie or Chris to distribute to the Board.

VII. Adjourn: Les moved, Reuben seconded. Motion passed. 6:35pm

VIII. Next Meeting: February 16, 2021

Eileen Burns, Secretary